## A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

BY IAN MACLAREN. Author of "Beside the Bonnle Brier Bush," Etc.

(Copyright, 1895, by John Watson.) Never had I met any man so methdress, so accurate in speech, so precise in manner, as my fellow lodger. When he took his bath in the morning I knew it was half past 7, and when he rang for hot water that it was a quarter to 8. Until a quarter past he moved about the room in his slow, careful dressing, and then everything and the control of the contro odical in his habits, so neat in his dressing, and then everything was quiet next door till half-past 8, when the low murmur of the Lord's prayer concluded his devotions. Two minutes later he went down stairs—if he met a later he went down stairs—if he met a femied of servant one could hear him say "good our office morning"—and read his newspaper—he seldom had letters—till 3, when he rang for breakfast. Twenty past 3 he went upstairs and changed his coat, and he spent five minutes in the lobby selecting a pair of gloves brushing his hat and making a last survey for a speck of dust. One glove he put on opposite the hat stand, and the second on the door step, and when he touched the pavement you might have set your watch by 2:30. Once he was in the lobby at five and twenty minutes to by, distressed and furried.

"I cut my chin slightly when shaving," he explained, "and the wound persists in bleeding. It has an untidy appearance, and a drop or blood might fall on a letter."

The walk that morning was quite

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"It requires long experience and, I may say, some " " ability to comfort a such weak. They are not fit for such weak. They are not fit for such weak. They are not show up their own forms, and in fact they are not show up their own forms, and in fact they are not show up to the for the part for the deficials wich to such weak. They are not show up to their own

one Glore He Put on Opposite the Hat Stand.

So I goes in," resumed Mrs. Holmes, "So I goes in," resumed Mrs. Holmes, "and the rewas sitting up in "is bed, with "is face as red as fire, and not perkins—he left for is "abits an" a catching of "is breakfast tomorrow; more than that, or another blanket on "is bed on the first of November, for it's by days, not cold, 'e goes."

It was evident that I must solve the problem for myself.

Mr. Perkins could not be a city man, for in the hottest June he never wore a white waistroat, nor had he the swelling gait of one who made an occasional coup in mines, and it went without saying that he did not write; a man who went to bed at 11, and whose hair made no claim to distinction. One's mind fell back on the idea of law—conveyancing seemed probable—but his face lacked sharpness, and the alternative of the confidential clerk to a firm of drysaliers was contradicted by an air of authority that raised observations on the weather to the level of a state document. The truth came

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upon me—a flash of inspiration—as I saw Mr. Perkins coming home one evening. The black frock-coat and waistroat, dark grey trousers, spotless linen, high, old-fashioned collar, and stiff stock, were a symbol, and could only mean one profession.

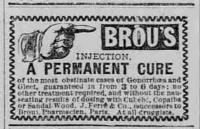
quiet next door till half-past 8, when Very important, and in fact . . .

but the schedule I am . . . It just comes and goes . . thank you, no more water . . is important and . . . intricate; no one . . can complete it . . . except myself.

"With your permission I will rise . In a few minutes . . 10 o'clock, dear me . . this is most unfortunate . . . not get down till 11 . . I must really insist . ." But the doctor had come, and Mr. Perkins obeyed on one condition.

"Yes, doctor, I prefer, if you please, to know; you see I am not a young person . . nor nervous . . thank you yery much . . quite so; pneumonia is yery serious . . and double pneumonia dangerous, I unterstand . . no, it is not that . . one is not alarmed at any age, but . . . . . . . . dictate It to my friend . . . certain form . . leave my friend . . . certain form . . leave



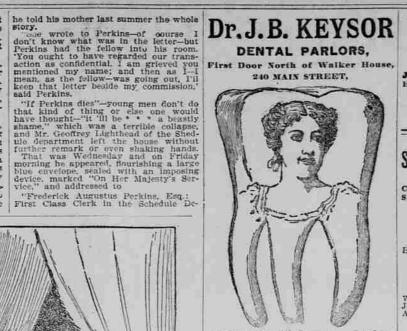


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